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In re Application of:

Yoshifusa TOGAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2768

Serial No.: 09/225,208

Examiner: F. POINVIL

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For: SYSTEM FOR MANAGING RESOURCES USED AMONG GROUPS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (paper no. 5) mailed January 20, 2000, and setting a period for response expiring on April 20, 2000. A Petition for a two-month extension of time is being submitted herewith, together with the requisite fee for same, thereby extending the period for response to expire on June 20, 2000.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of same.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ADD new claims 33-34 as follows:

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3. (NEW) A system for managing resources used by groups of workers carrying out jobs through computers, said system comprising:
a resource manager to maintain allocation information indicating allocation of a specified resource to one or more groups of workers, and to determine whether the specified resource is available to a first group based on the allocation information; and
a job monitor to receive from said resource manager information indicating whether the specified resource is available to the first group, and to request permission for the first group

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